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1. IN ACCEPTANCE SPEECH LATE DECEMBER 15, PRIME MINISTER
MANLEY URGED RESTRAINT ON THE PART OF HIS FOLLOWERS AND
DESCRIBED HIS VICTORY AS "A TOTAL REJECTION OF THE
SUGGESTION THAT JAMAICA WAS GOING COMMUNIST." MANLEY SAID
THE MANDATE HE HAD BEEN GIVEN WAS "AN ENDORSEMENT OF WHAT
WE HAVE DONE SO FAR". HE SAID, THE PEOPLE OF JAMAICA HAD
DEMONSTRATED ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES ON
SUCH MATTERS AS LAND REFORM AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. "IT
WAS ALSO AN INDICATION THAT THEY HAD TOTALLY REJECTED THE
CAPITALIST APPROACH TO LAND AND ALL THE PROPAGANDA ABOUT
COMMUNISM." MANLEY SAID THAT ONE IMPORTANT ITEM
ON THE GOVERNMENT'S AGENDA OVER THE NEXT YEAR
WOULD BE TO IMPLEMENT AN EDUCATIONAL EFFORT
TOWARD CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM TO INCLUDE ABOLITION
OF THE MONARCHY.

2. IN CONCESSION, OPPOSITION LEADER SEAGA DES-
CRIBED THE PNP VICTORY AS "VERY CLEAR AND DECIS-
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IVE". "THE PEOPLE," HE SAID, "MADE A CLEAR CHOICE
AND IT IS INCUMBENT ON THE POLITICAL PARTIES TO
HONOR THIS DECISION."
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